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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated September 3, 1997, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of their application in view of the following remarks. A request for a three month extension of time and Notice of Appeal along with the associated fees are enclosed. Please charge any other fees necessitated by this response to our deposit account no. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4252).

**Status Of Claims**

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1-8, 11, 13 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Shimizu et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,473,374 ("Shimizu '374") in combination with Iwasaki, U.S. Patent No. 5,461,452 ("Iwasaki") and/or Shimizu, U.S. Patent No. 5,400,074 ("Shimizu '074").